



# **THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

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**Holy Eucharist:**

**Enriching our Worship**

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## The Word of God

**Opening Hymn 48**      O day of radiant gladness      *Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

**A Song of Creation**      *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

Canticle 12

#### *Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

#### *The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

#### *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*    God be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Lessons

*Lector*      A Reading from the Book of Genesis      (32:22-31)      Phyllis Smith

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*Lector*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**Psalm 17:1-7,16**      *Exaudi, Domine*      Jane Foster & Richard Pflieger

- 1      Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
        give heed to my cry; \*  
        listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2      Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
        let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3      Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
        melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4      I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
        I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5      My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
        in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6      I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
        incline your ear to me and hear my words.

- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

*Lector* A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (9:1-5) Michael Spring

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn 343** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless *St. Agnes*

## **The Gospel**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:13-21)  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Who can separate us from the love of God? What can separate us from the love of Christ? Let our hearts now respond to such overwhelming love as we pray together in the Spirit saying: Hear us, O Lord.*

That God will renew the merciful covenant made with us in love, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

That the ministers of the gospel may be people of genuine conversion and prophetic voice, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

That the bread of life may be shared one day by all Christians at a common table of praise, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the poor of our world, and for the governments called to assist them in their need, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the sick and suffering in our world, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For those preparing for baptism, that they may hear the invitation of God to come to the waters of regeneration and there find abundant life, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the newly wedded couples in our community, for expectant parents, and for those who nurture children, that all may be fed at the breasts of a loving God and find strength in lives of service, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

Let us be mindful of the dead, that they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the community of the faithful, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

*[here other intercessions may be offered]*

***(if you wish, please unmute your channel to add your petitions)***

*O God, your loving care for us calls for our gratitude. Multiply once again your abundant mercy towards us; renew your covenant with us; and let our hearts overflow with godly love for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Rabbi and Lord, now in the Spirit and forever. Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *(if you wish, please unmute your channel at this time)*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **A Meditation for This Season**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 522**      Glorious things of thee are spoken      *Austria*

### **The Dismissal**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### Assisting with the service today

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